THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Number of 5000 H.P. locos manufactured by Indian Railways at Chitaranjan Locomotive Works are as under:

1990-91	Nil
1991-92	1
1992-93	5
1993-94 (Uptill now)	9

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Twenty.

(e) These locomotives are an improved version of the 3850 HP WAG5 Electric Locomotives using higher capacity transformer, rectifier and higher adhesion bogies, all designed and manufactured indigenously. They are capable of hauling the train at higher balancing speeds. Besides stalling of the train is avoided to a large extent by using these locomotives.

Transportation of coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station

2516. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has made a request to the Central Government to ensure supply of crushed coal only below 200MM to Raichur Thermal Power Station by taking up the matter with the coal companies and also to avoid diversion of coal rakes carrying bulky lumps above 200 MM; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the claim of the State Government for refund of excess freight charged on coal movement is pending with the Railways and if so, whether the Railways would ensure that the refund is made and in future the freight is charged for the coal on actual distance moved depending upon the rail traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Movement of coal is organised as per linkage drawn out by the Standing Linkage Committee The Coal Companies have to ensure loading of proper size of coal and Railways have no role to play in the matter. No diversion of coal rakes for Raichur Power House is being done by Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir. The case will be disposed of on merits.

Purchase of electric Locomotives from Asea Brown Bovery (A.B.B.)

2517. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a survey after taking the final decision to purchase the electric locomotives of 6,000 horse power from multipurpose company, Asea Brown Bovery (A.B.B.), to ascertain whether the load bearing capacity of railways tracks in our country can withstand the normal speed of such powerful locomotives;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of such locomotives for which Government have since placed the purchase order and the manner in which the locomotives are proposed to be used for running the trains together with the places between which they are proposed to be used in running the trains; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is a plan under consideration to improve the level of working in the Chittaranpan Locomotives, which is engaged in manufacturing activity in the country, to make it capable of manufacturing these locomotives in the country itself in the future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The existing track structure on important Broad Gauge routes is adequate for running of new electric locomotives